



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: September 17, 2019
Subject: Semi Parking Ordinance - Timeline

Background

The City of Milton has received complaints from residences over the past several years regarding the parking of semi trucks and semi-trailers within residential neighborhoods/areas. More recently, the City of Milton received a specific complaint regarding the parking of a semi truck and trailer along Davis Street.

August 20, 2019 – First Reading

In review of the Ordinances that govern the parking of semi trucks and trailers along roads not deemed as truck routes, the City found some incongruences within the existing Ordinances. Therefore, on August 20, 2019, City Staff brought forth and Ordinance that addressed two major issues:

1. The language within the ordinances referred to “trucks” which is not a legally defined term within State Statutes. Therefore, the language within the ordinance was changed to refer to “truck, truck tractors, and tractor semitrailer combinations.”
2. The proposed ordinance, at that time, also repealed an exclusion that would allow owner’s or operator’s to park their truck in front of their home.

The Council approved the first reading, but directed staff look at potential alternatives to the proposed language that could accommodate semi trucks (cabs).

September 3, 2019 – Second Reading

On September 3, 2019, City Staff brought forth the same Ordinance as proposed on August 20th, but provided some possible alternatives that the Council requested. Those alternatives included:

- The Ordinance could be further amended to allow the parking of semitruck cabs only within the homeowner’s driveway, so long as it is parked behind the front set back of the home similar to the requirements for motor homes and other large vehicles/trailers.
- The Ordinance could be further amended to allow overnight parking along Commerce Drive within the Crossroads Business Park. At this time Commerce Way has not been developed and has a cul-du-sac at the end that would allow trucks to turn around. The only issue with this option would be, once Commerce Way is eventually developed, this allowance may need to be restricted again in order to not conflict with those businesses.



The Council approved the second reading, but directed staff to reinstate the exclusion that would allow owner's or operator's to park their semi-tractor (cab) only in front of their home for no more than 48 hours in a seven-day period (similar to RV's, boats, etc.).

September 17, 2019

Staff has revised the ordinance to reinstate the provision that would allow individuals to park their semi-tractor (cab) in front of their home. After discussion, the Council directed staff to remove the exemption that would allow operators to park their cabs in front of their home.

Additionally, the Council directed staff to amend the ordinance to allow for the parking of cabs and trailers along Commerce Way, and research any other locations that may be appropriate for parking.

October 1, 2019

The most recent version of the ordinance, closely mirrors the original ordinance that was presented by staff on August 20th and September 3rd. This ordinance does provide language that would allow cabs and trailers to park along Commerce Way. Staff looked for other locations, but could not find a location that was undeveloped, and had the ability for trucks to turn around or enter and exit without utilizing private property.